

00684.003244



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Hoang X. Ngo
Yusuke YAMADA, et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 09/944,133)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 1779
Filed: September 4, 2001)	
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For: DRIVING FORCE RECEIVING)	December 10, 2004
MEMBER AND DRIVING	:	
MECHANISM)	

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Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated September 10, 2004, in the above-identified application. The combined Issue and Publication Fees are due on or before December 10, 2004, and have not been paid. Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination (the "RCE") in lieu of paying the combined fees.

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application, as follows:



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-identified application.

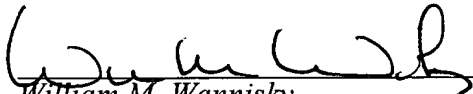
☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	41	MINUS	93	= 0	x \$25 \$50	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$100 \$200	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360						\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$0.00

- ☐ Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a _____ month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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